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In re Patent Application of:)
Martin CALDWELL et al.) Group Art Unit: 3731
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claims 11 and 12 as follows:

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11. (Amended) A surgical device for use in minimally invasive surgery of the type using an inflated cavity accessible to a surgeon through an access port, defined by the device, surrounding an incision in a patient's body, the device comprising:

body cavity engagement means for insertion into the incision to locate the device in position including a distal ring;